

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please replace the paragraph beginning at p. 11, line 17, with the following:

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Referring to FIG. 3, a flowchart of a method according to an embodiment of the invention is shown. The method includes two parts, a first part 300 performed at the sender, and a second part 302 performed at the receiver. It is noted that each of the first part 300 and the second part 302 can in themselves be separate methods, performed by the sender and the receiver, respectively. The first part 300 includes 304, 306, 307, and 308, while the second part includes 310, 312, 314 ~~and 316~~, 315, 316, and 318.

Please replace the paragraph beginning at p. 12, line 1, with the following:

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The sender performs 304, ~~and 306~~, and 307 in one sender transaction (importantly, it is noted that 304, ~~and 306~~, and 307 should must be performed in a single transaction). In 304, the sender receives a message from a sender queue. In 306, the sender generates ~~a substantially unique~~ an identifier and an expiration time for the message, and the identifier, the expiration time and the message itself are saved in a sender database in 307. The ~~substantially unique~~ identifier is to uniquely identify the message as compared to other messages that are to be or have been sent to the receiver. The identifier is substantially unique in that over time, the identifiers can be repeated. In one embodiment, the identifier is a globally unique identifier (GUID), as known within the art.

Please replace the paragraph beginning at p. 12, line 17, with the following:

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Finally, in 308, the message, is the identifier, and the expiration time are sent from the sender to the receiver.

Please replace the paragraph beginning at p. 12, line 18, with the following:

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The receiver performs 310, 312, 314, 315, and 316 in a receiver transaction. In 310, ~~in the message along with the identifier and the expiration time~~ sent by the sender ~~is~~ received ~~at the receiver~~ from a receiver queue at the receiver, ~~along with the substantially unique identifier and the expiration time for the sender.~~

Please replace the paragraph beginning at p. 12, line 21, with the following:

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In 312, the receiver determines whether the message is already present in a receiver database, by the ~~substantially unique~~ identifier of the message, and whether the message has expired, based on its expiration time. Thus, if the ~~substantially unique~~ identifier for the message is already in the receiver database, then this means that the receiver has previously received this message. If the message is already present in the receiver database, ~~AND/OR~~ or message has already expired, then the method proceeds to 316, where ~~the method is finished, and the message is discarded in one embodiment and the method is finished in 318.~~

Please replace the paragraph beginning at p. 13, line 5, with the following:

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Otherwise, the method proceeds to 314, where the receiver saves the message, the identifier, or the expiration time, and in 315, the receiver then performs one or more actions associated with the message and the method is finished in 318. For example, if the message relates to deducting an amount of money from a bank account, then this action is referred to as being associated with the message, such that the action is performed. It is noted that the invention is not particularly limited to a given type or number of actions that can be associated with a message received by the receiver, except that it must be possible to abort such actions and roll-back their side-effects, if any. That is, the action or actions must all be controlled by a resource manager, such that it should be possible to abort an action without generating any side effects.